

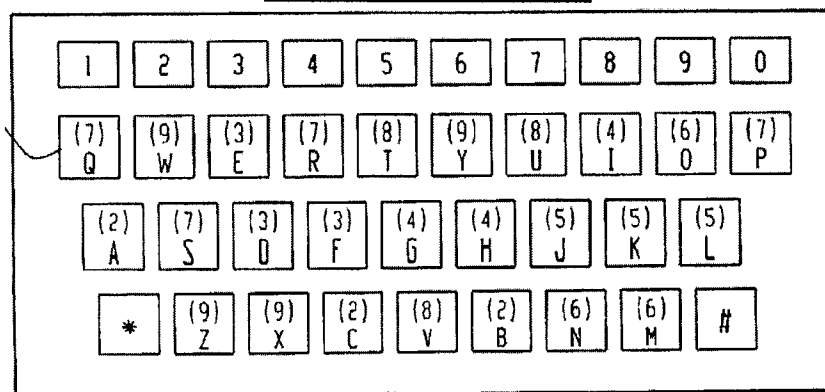
REMARKS

This Amendment cancels claim 51-53 and adds new claims 56-58. The application is now in condition for allowance for the following reasons:

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 42

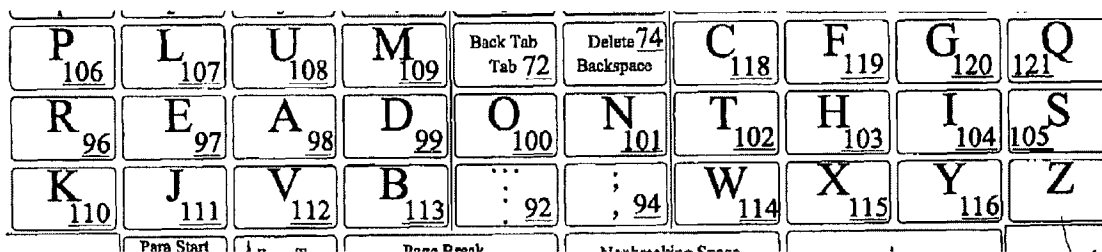
Claim 42 recites a “keyboard” having 26 letter keys that are each labeled with a number, the number being 2-9 respectively for keys A-C, D-F, G-I, J-L, M-O, P-S, T-V and W-Z. This is exemplified in the application by Fig. 1 (reproduced below):

APPLICATION FIG. 1



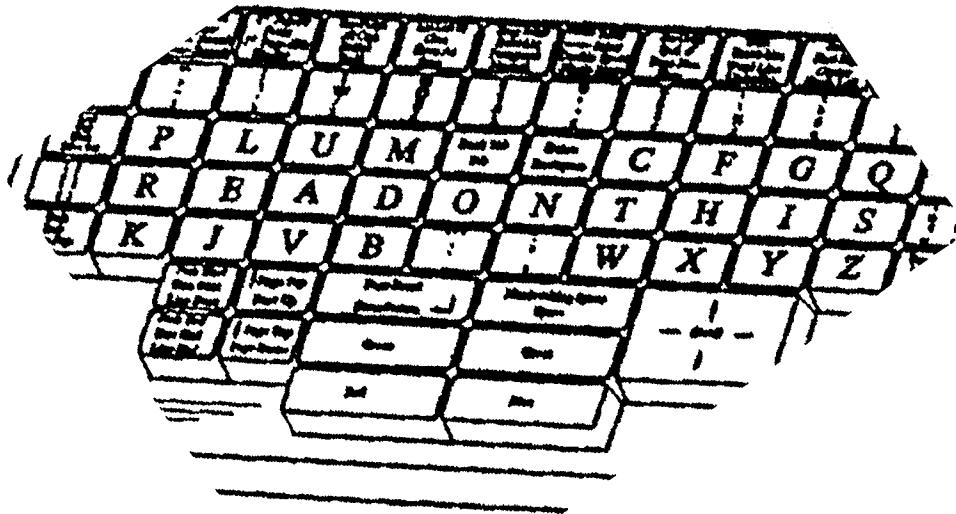
Claim 42 is rejected over Nokia in view of Woods. The Examiner acknowledges that Nokia fails to teach 26 letter keys labeled with a number, but contends this is taught by Woods Fig. 2 (reproduced in-part below), in which each letter key is shown with a number.

WOODS FIG. 2



The Examiner's contention is incorrect, because the numbers in Woods' Fig. 2 are merely patent reference numerals that appear on a drawing of a keyboard in Woods' patent. They do not appear in Woods' actual keyboard (Fig. 1 reproduced in-part below) as would be required by claim 42. And even the reference numerals on Woods' patent drawing are not 2-9 ("respectively for keys A-C, D-F,...") as claimed but instead 96-121. Therefore, claim 42 is patentable over the cited art.

WOODS FIG. 1



INDEPENDENT CLAIM 47

In claim 47, each of the keyboard's 26 letter keys is assigned a number, as exemplified in the application by Fig. 1 (reproduced above).

Claim 47, like 42, is rejected over Nokia in view of Woods. The Examiner acknowledges that Nokia fails to teach the claimed 26 letter keys each assigned a number, but contends this is taught by Woods' Fig. 2 (reproduced in-part above). As explained above (regarding claim 42), the Examiner's contention is incorrect, because the numbers in Woods' Fig. 2 are merely patent reference numerals that appear on a drawing of a keyboard and not on an actual keyboard as claimed. Therefore, claim 47 is patentable over the cited art.

NEW INDEPENDENT CLAIM 56

Claim 56, like claim 42, recites a “keyboard” having 26 letter keys that are each labeled with a number, the number being 2-9 respectively for keys A-C, D-F, G-I, J-L, M-O, P-S, T-V and W-Z. This limitation is not taught by the references of record as explained above regarding claim 42. Therefore, claim 56 is patentable over the prior art.

DEPENDENT CLAIMS 44-46, 48-50 AND 57-58

The remaining claims all depend from base claims that are explained above to be patentable over the prior art. The limitations that the dependent claims add to the base claims distinguish them further from the prior art.

The application is therefore now in condition for allowance.

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